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1. ON MAR 4, DCM CALLED ON SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTRY TECHNICAL COUNSELLOR IBRAHIMA DIENG AND CONVEYED POINTS CONTAINED IN DEPTTEL 046137. DIENG DEPLORED THAT DEBATE OVER DAVIS APPOINTMENT HAD "BECOME SO PUBLIC" AND SAID HE FELT MUCH OF DAMAGE WHICH HAD BEEN DONE WOULD HAVE BEEN ALLEVIATED BY A "BIT MORE DISCRETION".

2. IN SOCIAL CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR PRIOR TO RECEIPT REFTTEL, FONMIN ASSANE SECK SAID "SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS RAPPED OUR KNUCKLES, AND WE (MEANING AFRICAN FOREIGN MINS) UNDERSTAND AND IN FACT EXPECTED HIS REACTION". SECK ADMITTED OAU STATEMENT AMOUNTED TO INVOLVEMENT IN US INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INDICATED CONSENSUS STATEMENT CAME ONLY AFTER LONG DEBATE. HE SAID SECRETARY JUSTIFIED IN HIS REACTION; HOWEVER, SENTIMENTS ON MATTER WERE SO STRONG THAT GROUP FELT NEED TO GET ON RECORD. IN RETROSPECT, SECK SAID, HE FELT THERE MAY WELL HAVE BEEN MORE EFFECTIVE AND LESS PUBLIC MEANS OF CONVEYING VIEWS AND CONCERNS OF OAU FONMINS TO USG.

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